

S. XXXX PERMANENT RELIEF FOR SENIORS AND MEDICARE, MEDICAID, HUMAN SERVICES EXTENSION ACT OF 2019

Section by Section

TITLE I – MISCELLANEOUS

SEC. 101. REPEAL OF MEDICAL DEVICE EXCISE TAX. Permanently repeals the excise tax on medical device sales after December 31, 2019.

SEC. 102. PERMANENT EXTENSION OF REDUCTION IN MEDICAL EXPENSE DEDUCTION FLOOR. Permanently extends the reduction in the medical expense deduction floor to 7.5 percent of a filer's adjusted gross income beginning in taxable years after December 31, 2018.

SEC. 103. MORATORIUM ON ANNUAL FEE ON HEALTH INSURANCE PROVIDERS. Temporarily delays the health insurance tax from January 1, 2021, through December 31, 2022.

TITLE II – MEDICARE EXTENDERS

SEC. 201. EXTENSION OF THE WORK GEOGRAPHIC INDEX FLOOR UNDER THE MEDICARE PROGRAM. Boosts payments for the work component of physician fees in areas where labor cost is lower than the national average. Extends the existing 1.0 floor on the "physician work" cost index through December 21, 2020.

SEC. 202. AUTHORIZATION OF ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR QUALITY MEASURE ENDORSEMENT, INPUT AND SELECTION. Funds the National Quality Forum (NQF) to carry out specified duties related to performance improvement and measurement. This provision discontinues the transfers from the Medicare Trust Funds, which are intended to pay for the medical benefits of Medicare beneficiaries, and authorizes \$30 million to be appropriated through December 20, 2020.

SEC. 203. AUTHORIZATION OF ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR OUTREACH AND ASSISTANCE FOR LOW-INCOME PROGRAMS. Provides funding for outreach and education activities for Medicare beneficiaries, including State Health Insurance Programs, Area Agencies on Aging, Aging and Disability Centers, and the National Center for Benefits Outreach and Enrollment. This provision discontinues the transfers from the Medicare Trust Funds, which are intended to pay for the medical benefits of Medicare beneficiaries, and authorizes the same level funding provided in the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018, a combined \$37.5 million, to be appropriated through December 20, 2020.

SEC. 204. EXTENSION AND AUTHORIZATION OF ADDITIONAL FUNDING TO THE PATIENT-CENTERED OUTCOMES RESEARCH TRUST FUND. Provides funding to the Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI), the entity created by the Affordable Care Act, which is responsible for coordinating and supporting comparative clinical effectiveness research. This provision discontinues the transfers from the Medicare Trust Funds, which are intended to pay

for the medical benefits of Medicare beneficiaries. Further, it authorizes funds to be appropriated through December 20, 2020, using the same calculation previously determined in statute. It does not reinstate the tax on health insurers to fund PCORI activities.

TITLE III – MEDICAID EXTENDERS

SEC.301. DELAY OF DSH REDUCTIONS. Medicaid DSH payments are intended to provide additional payments to hospitals that serve a disproportionate number of low-income patients. This provision would delay \$8 billion in Medicaid DSH cuts until December 20, 2020.

SEC.302. EXTENSION OF SPOUSAL IMPOVERISHMENT PROTECTIONS. Extends spousal impoverishment eligibility rules that provide special treatment of married couples' assets when one spouse needs Medicaid-covered, community-based, long-term care services and supports through December 20, 2020. Requires the Government Accountability Office (GAO) to report to Congress evaluating the effects of these rules on individuals who qualify.

SEC.303. EXTENSION OF COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM. Extends the Certified Community Behavioral Health Center (CCBHC) Medicaid demonstration, which was created to help individuals with serious mental illness like schizophrenia, through March 31, 2021 while gradually winding down the temporary enhanced Federal Matching Percentage (e-FMAP). Provides states the authority to recover overpayments to participating CCBHCs. Requires GAO to report to Congress on the participants' quality and performance not later than December 31, 2020.

TITLE IV – HUMAN SERVICES EXTENDERS

SEC.401. EXTENSION OF SEXUAL RISK AVOIDANCE EDUCATION PROGRAM. Provides the same level of funding provided in the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018 for abstinence education to teens and young adults.

SEC.402. JOBS AND OPPORTUNITY WITH BENEFITS AND SERVICES FOR SUCCESS ACT. Extends the State Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program, as well as child welfare related programs. Includes important reforms to the program such as requirements states engage with every individual, measures work outcomes to hold states accountable, ensures funds are going to those who truly need it the most, and focuses on work and activities that lead to work.